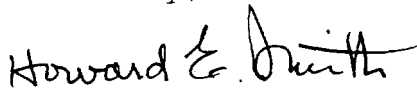


Senator Cohen, it seems to me that little people are continually being squeezed out of life's pleasures by the ambitious expansions of the powerful and influential.

Won't you please help us to continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out it's proposal under PR DOCKET 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band? The FCC deadline of February 26, 1993 makes it imperative that action be taken now if we are to halt these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard E. Smith".

Howard E. Smith, Pres.  
Mid-Maine Giant Aircraft Modelers

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1993 JAN 25 PM 8:28/93

The Honorable William Cohen  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator William Cohen,

I am very close to retirement & in preparation for this event my hobby will hopefully fill my Twilight years with the pleasures I have enjoyed with it over the past 25 years. I am involved with Radio Controlled miniature Aircraft. I have several thousand dollars worth of radio equipment & I am concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-2. If adopted the new Rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposed PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-71 MHz R/C

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ARTHUR J. AUBÉ  
RR 1 BOX 3370  
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1993 JAN 25 PM 3:36

January 21, 1993

The Honorable William Cohen  
U S Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

Since the age of ten I have enjoyed an interest in model airplanes. In the past sixteen years this interest has expanded into the construction and flying of radio controlled model aircraft. Since retiring two years ago I can now expend more time in the enjoyment of this fascinating pastime. I personally own four radio transmitters and have twelve fully equipped R/C model aircraft. In addition, I have a workshop that includes all necessary machines, tools, and supplies needed to maintain the hobby. I would guess that I have invested well over \$7000.00 in my hobby-related items.

My purpose in writing is to express deep concern over the proposed ruling under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. The adoption of these new rules, particularly Part 88 would allow private land mobile dispatch operation to within 2.5KHz of the frequencies used by R/C model aircraft and R/C cars & boats. We have shared use of the 72 - 75MHz radio band with fixed commercial users, maintaining a 10KHz spacing between used frequencies. This 10KHz spacing has been adequate and has allowed band sharing without either use interfering with the other.

The proposed reduction in frequency spacing would eliminate the safe use of over half of the frequencies presently used by R/C model aircraft enthusiasts. Congestion of the remaining frequencies would decrease the margin of safety we have worked so hard to maintain.

I feel it is very unfair that the FCC seeks to expand the operation of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. We all have a considerable investment in our models, radio equipment and support equipment, not to mention the sizeable industry that would be detrimentally affected by this proposed FCC action.

This hobby provides hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of citizens like myself. The hobby also contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Individuals like astronauts Borman and Armstrong and aircraft designer Burt Rutan (who flew around the world nonstop) started their interest in aviation through model airplanes.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my chosen pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-75MHz band. Your help is urgently needed because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993, after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur J. Aubé". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'A'.

Arthur J. Aubé

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The Honorable William Cohen  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

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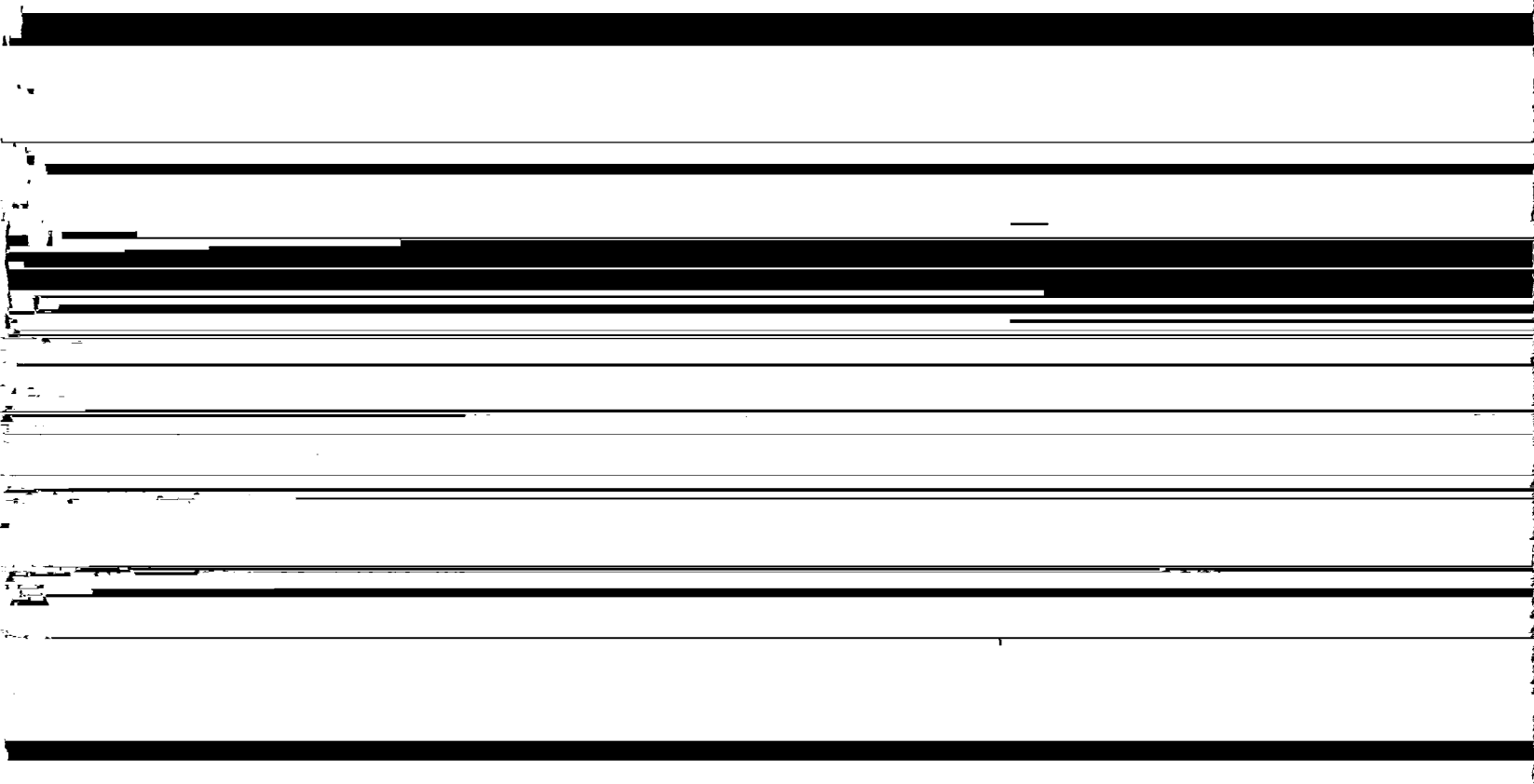
Dear Senator William Cohen,

HELP! Radio control hobbyists' go on the endangered species list

This could happen if FCC PR Docket 92-235 is passed on February 26, 1993. This regulation will render 31 of our current 50 frequencies for model aircraft operation unusable by allowing mobile communications to operate too closely to our frequencies.

Radio controls modeling is more than just a hobby to most of us. Many hours of relaxation and enjoyment are derived by building and flying our models. The Academy of Model Aeronautics, Sport Fliers Association, and local clubs are very active in local schools and youth organizations helping young people learn about aeronautics. Do your children own or enjoy the small inexpensive radio controlled cars and trucks that are sold in toy stores? They will also be affected by this regulation

I am a member of the Skystreakers R/C club of New Gloucester, ME. Our club field is less than 1/2 mile from the Maine turnpike and will be seriously affected by mobile communication signals on or near our frequencies. This could be a serious safety hazard. Operation of model aircraft at our field is done so with safety being the top priority. Can you imagine the damage that can occur if an aircraft weighing up to 40 lbs traveling at speeds up to 150 mph crashes into a person or



I would suggest that the FCC and the mobile communication industry rethink their proposal in PR 92-235 and work with the R/C industry to devise an alternate proposal that will be satisfactory to all.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime as well as the livelihood of those involved in the manufacture and sale of R/C products by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal in PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Thibodeau".

Gary Thibodeau  
RFD1 Box 430  
Mechanic Falls ME 04256  
AMA # 426427

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

1993 FEB -2 11:30

January 23, 1993

The Honorable William S. Cohen  
10 Moulton Street  
Portland, Maine 04103

Dear Senator Cohen:

I have been interested and involved in aviation for most of my life. I am a very active member of a local club whose members enjoy building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I personally now own 4 control radios, 7 radio controlled flying models, and have a workshop full of other numerous products necessary for the building and flying of these models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of the radio frequencies currently assigned for radio controlled (R/C) model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are currently in the 72-76 MHz band. Our national modeling organization, known as the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), has been very involved for many years in the effort to attain the use of a few specific frequencies so we may enjoy our hobby with some assurance that our models would be controlled precisely and safely.

If this planned FCC rule goes into effect, it would allow for the use of the frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use.

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William Cohen  
U.S. Senate

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Hon. William Cohen  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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**Re: FCC Proposed Rule  
PR Docket 92-235**

Dear Senator Cohen,

With all of the weighty matters facing the Congress, this issue may seem like one not demanding much attention. But, it does.

Ever since I was growing up in the '50's, I have enjoyed building and flying model airplanes (with time off for service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, college, law school, and the early years of practice as a prosecutor). My son and I derive much enjoyment pursuing our hobby of flying radio controlled model airplanes. We are both members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA 447711 and 447712 respectively, which shows the large number of radio control modelers out there).

This rule poses a threat to that pursuit. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 to 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if this new rule is adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.


Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may think that we are not as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio control equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry, to say nothing of it providing a wholesome activity for thousands of our youth.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Matthew F. Dyer

pc: Vince Mankowski, Executive Director, Academy of Model Aeronautics

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1993 FEB -5 PM 12: 03

RR # 2 Box 3610  
Bryant Pond, ME  
February 1, 1993

The Honorable William Cohen:  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

I have been interested in all aspects of aviation since I was a child and I have been a model airplane hobbyist for 25 years. I have derived many enjoyable hours of relaxation while constructing and operating radio controlled aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the proceeding PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other..

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 31, 1993

Dear Senator Cohen,

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces part 90 of FCC rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for the **SAFE** operation of Radio Controlled (R/C) aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies previously allocated to us.

This proposed action will have a severe, detrimental affect on me and the entire R/C/ hobby industry. If it is put into effect, my airplane or helicopter will easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no knowledge of or control over. This creates a serious safety hazard to innocent people.

I have been involved in this hobby since 1960. I own six (6) radios, 8 aircraft, 2 cars and 2 boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, battery chargers and field accessories necessary to support my hobby. Consider the fact that there are hundreds of thousands of other ~~RF hobbyists in the U.S. and just like me, all of them will be adversely~~

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

1993 JUN 29 PM 4:16

January 25 1993  
PO Box 114  
Boothbay, Me. 04537

Dear Senator Cohen:

Enclosed please find a copy of two letters I received today. They should be self-explanatory and my comments follow:

It would seem to me, even though I have been retired now some few years, that this proposed rule making will cause a lot of problems including what could be considered restraint of trade and/or the right of free speech.

From where I stand, as an interested observer, that there is a group who want to sew up the mobile radio user into a no win situation, he cannot control his own radio business be it provider of services or end user.

You will note a paragraph stating that very little comment from the small business group was received. This is usually the case in something like this and after the item has been implemented and the small guy has his toes stomped on then he wakes up and it is too late to do anything about it.

This rule making will not affect me as I am out of the mobile radio business but I would not like to see this happen to the people I know are trying to make a go of it in the small business category, hope you can do some thing about it before it is too late.

Very truly yours,

C.E. Watson

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## ***WARNING... Proposed FCC Action Could Destroy Your Business!***

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Dear Two-Way Radio Dealers and System Users

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Whether you use mobile radio systems, or help to provide these services, your ability to continue to enjoy this low-cost and efficient communications medium is in jeopardy! The Federal Communication Commission's proposed new Part 88 "Spectrum Refarming" rules could spell the end of two-way radio systems as we now know them. If these rules are adopted, those who now use conventional systems would be forced to replace their current equipment with new radios, and in most cases, would be forced to purchase air-time from SMR trunked radio operators at many times their current cost.

A group of us . . . including radio dealers, service shops, and radio users, have decided to fight back! We have formed the American Mobile Radio Association for the express purpose of pressing the FCC, the courts, and the US Congress to preserve the options that we now enjoy. We can win this fight . . . but to do so we need your help!

Let's look at how these rule changes will affect the radio system you now use.

Every radio in use today, in the 150-512 MHz bands, under Part 90, will become obsolete by 1996 because the spacing between channels will be drastically cut and much tighter frequency stability standards will be imposed. The power of every repeater or base station at higher altitudes would be cut to as little as one watt, limiting the coverage to an area too small to be useful.

Frequency coordinators would be required to "vertical load" all channels to 70 mobile units, saving clear channels for large new users. Channels would be shared by all sorts of businesses. For example, taxicabs and tow trucks could be crowded on the same channel with messenger services, private detectives, and the power company, while hundreds of adjacent channels lay vacant.



ROBERT M. SMITH  
105 SHAKER ROAD  
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GRAY, MAINE 04039  
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1993 FEB 11 PM 12:57

Senator William Cohen  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen,

I am a retired aeronautical engineer and have been associated with model airplanes since 1943 and Radio Controlled model aircraft since 1958. Like thousands of other devotees of this hobby/sport/obsession I spend a great deal of time involved in the building and flying of these aircraft. Currently own 9 radio units, 12 engines of various sizes, and have 8 aircraft on flight status with two more under construction. I

Douglas C. Gilchrist  
303 New Lewiston Rd.  
Topsham, ME 04086

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8 February 1993

The Honorable William S. Cohen  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510-1901

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator Cohen:

My name is Doug Gilchrist and I am a long time aviation enthusiast. I have shared my interest with others in the community through the local club, Brunswick Area Modelers. We derive many hours of enjoyment from building and flying radio controlled model aircraft.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule change that is under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted it will have a tremendous effect on the sport of Model Aviation. The repercussions of this will be felt in many ways from the safety of innocent bystanders to the economic impact that may force people out of this hobby.

The frequencies that we are currently using are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily for land mobile dispatch operations. However there is enough separation between the bands to allow both to operate without interference. The proposal would add more frequencies between the bands that would be allowed to operate with much more power, and with such broad tolerances that they could be broadcasting right on our frequencies.

The models that we fly are controlled by signals broadcast over these frequencies. Interference on our channels is not simply an inconvenience or some static and poor reception like you would experience on a portable phone. Instead interference for us results in loss of control of our aircraft. Since these are primarily heavier than air craft, they crash to the earth in literally, seconds.

When we fly our model airplanes, we go to great lengths to insure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. The models I fly range in size up to 10 feet in wingspan. One plane I have been working on for over a year, will weight close to 20 pounds when completed. These planes represent not only many hours of effort, but also a large financial investment in planes and the radio gear used to control them. I personally own 5 planes that are flyable and have two others in various stages of completion. They represent ten years of effort and several thousand dollars that could be destroyed by someone picking up their car phone to find out what's for dinner!

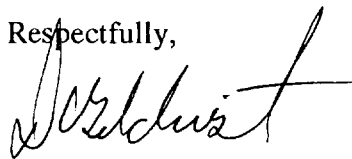
For me it will have a large financial impact because I will have to send all of my radios away to have them retuned to a different channel. The proposed rule change will make 31 of the 50

channels we have unsafe and unusable, because even if the FCC doesn't take the frequencies away our insurance company would never let us fly on them again because the risk of accident is too high. This will cost me over three hundred dollars to change all my gear. This may not seem like much, but to myself and the average modeler, it is considerable.

The problem as I see it is, that there are hundreds of thousands of radios in the US like mine, and I am really afraid that alot of people that are not as serious about the hobby and perhaps have less time and money invested in their planes may be tempted to fly anyway. Many of the entry level radios can be purchased for around \$50 and the current cost to retune is \$70. For people with this type of gear they will no doubt say, I'll fly anyway and if I crash, so what, it's cheaper to buy a new radio. I fear that this will threaten the safety of millions of people and create such a bad name for the hobby that no matter what the serious modeler tries to do we will be shut down by public pressure(many of our flying sites are on public land). This cannot be allowed to happen.

I understand that the FCC is free to make these rule changes without your approval, but I beseech you to assist me and others in preventing what will no doubt be a devastating blow to the hobby. I would liken this to what would happen if the FCC had chosen the frequencies that garage door openers are on, forcing everyone with a remote controlled garage door to pay to change frequencies or risk the possibility of finding their garage wide open every time a car phone rang. With Model Aviation however, the damage will be far worse.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.C. Gilchrist', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D.C. Gilchrist

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February 5, 1993

The Honorable William Cohen  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

I have been actively involved in the enjoyment, learning, and sharing of the sport of **MODEL Aviation**, in particularly **Radio Control miniature aircraft**. Myself along with many others in The Great State of Maine have formed local clubs to enjoy this sport together. We compete in competitions and fly many demonstrations for area schools, childrens' homes and groups such as the Boy Scouts etc.

I am very concerned about a rule change currently under consideration by the **Federal Communications Commission(FCC)**. The proceeding is **PR DOCKET 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

I am informed that of the 50 frequencies presently available only 19 will remain if these rules are adopted.

When we fly our model aircraft, we go to great lengths to use and maintain the highest in safety standards to protect ourselves and others. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

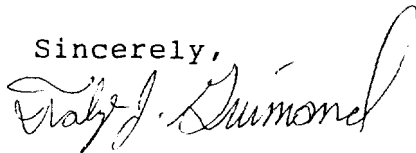
I fly model aircraft with wingspans up to 9 feet and weigh as much as 25 or 30 pounds. These models are expensive and some take years of spare time to research and build; but more to the point, the damage, injury or even death could result from radio interference that would cause the model operator to lose control of the craft. I would no longer be able to fly demonstrations and help youngsters learn about aeronautics. With the possibility of an accident just because someone decided to make a phone call from their car in the parking lot nearby looming in the future.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the

expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many, many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

**PLEASE HELP ME AND THE MANY OTHERS OF OUR STATE CONTINUE  
THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF MY PASTIME BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC  
TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE 72-76mhz BAND.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Toby J. Guimond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Toby J. Guimond  
83 Prospect St.  
Biddeford, ME 04005

ph #: 207- 283- 4447

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160 Mistic Ave  
Rockport, ME 04856  
6 February 1993

The Honorable William S. Cohen  
322 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1901

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Sir:

As an active flyer of radio controlled model aircraft, I find the referenced proposed FCC regulation unacceptable. I can appreciate the difficulty faced by the FCC in finding space in the radio frequency spectrum for all the services making demands upon them. However, under the proposed regulation, frequencies will be too close together which will pose a real safety problem for observers and property if a model gets out of control due to adjacent channel interference.

Sincerely,

  
Edward A. Rowe

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 6, 1993

The Honorable William Cohen  
United States Senate  
Washington  
District of Columbia 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

Re: PR Docket 92-235


Please do not implement the proposed changes to PART 95 affecting the operation of RC bands 72 and 75. I believe there are very significant public safety and health hazards that will be adversely impacted by this proposal.

I personally have been involved in design, construction, flight and public education about Radio Controlled Model Aircraft since 1958. During these years there have been multiple technological changes that we have been forced to implement and later discard; a.) operate only type accepted equipment which prohibited me from continuing own electronic design and building, b.) obtain fixed base licence, c.) change band frequencies because of mandatory sharing with Citizens' Band, d.) and most recently as 1991 requiring narrow banding transmitters and receivers. So far other than the personal expense involved which has been on order of \$500 per change none of these requirements have had the personal and public safety impact that 92-235 would impose.

We routinely are invited to perform PUBLIC demonstrations before such groups as BOY SCOUTS MAINE JAMBOREE 1991, GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIRSHOWS for the past four seasons, MAINE MODELERS EXPOSITION, BRUNSWICK NURSING HOME, and many others. Some of these events have audiences in excess of 50,000 public attendees; and in the case of BNAS shows military aircraft on display worth multiple millions of dollars. Our safety record to date has been exemplary. I am very fearful of any proposal that might adversely affect frequency interference rendering 5 to 25 pound model aircraft to literally become uncontrollable flying battering rams.

Although only a small portion of the population is directly involved with Radio Control model aircraft, the general population certainly enjoys direct and indirect benefits derived from modeling. I refer to helicopter control systems, vacuum bagging, composite construction techniques, cyanoacrylate bonding agents, home-built aircraft interest, and even the VOYAGER around the world flight project which have all had very significant foundations and support based on model aircraft interests.

I urge that safe Radio Control model environment be maintained.

Sincerely,  
  
Edward Schmidt  
22 Magean Street  
Brunswick, ME 04011

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1993 FEB -8 21 4:28

February 2, 1993

Tony Blanchard  
10 Roundabout Drive  
Scarborough, ME 04074

The Honorable William Cohen  
U.S. Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own 5 radios, 15 R/C models and I have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more



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Paul. W. Seigny  
RFD #2, Box 6640  
E. Holden, ME 04429

February 3, 1993

The Honorable William Cohen  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I am in sincere hopes that you can help a large number of people in this country to prevent the adoption of a newly proposed piece of legislation via the F.C.C., PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, it will greatly reduce the channels that people may use for radio controlled devices both for industry and hobbies. My interest is mostly in radio controlled hobbies.

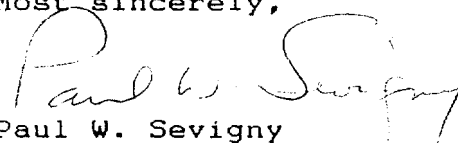
Currently, the radio frequencies are far enough apart to avoid any interference; however, if this rule change is adopted to insert new frequencies between the current channels, the potential for interference increases profoundly. It is not just that hundreds of dollars of new equipment that I have recently acquired will become obsolete, but that these models, particularly aircraft, weighing tens of pounds and flying at speeds in excess of 100 mph, will be unsafe due to interference from the new mobile communications bands that will be untraceable.

I am told that only 19 of the present 50 channels that are now used safely will remain. The lack of safety and severe congestion will be unimaginable...

I really do not feel that the F.C.C.'s intent is to ruin the safety record that R/C modeling has enjoyed for so many years so that land mobile users may have a bit better clarity.

There are several hundred people just in the Bangor area that would appreciate any help that you might be able to extend to us in this matter.

Most sincerely,

  
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